In the first paragraph, you over do the explaining that people could have a positive or negative influence. Therefore, I wouldn’t beat around the bush about it; I would just state that, then move on with your essay. It sounds a little wordy.

On page three at the top, you say “various other” you don’t need both.

I really like all of the examples; it makes your paper very concrete and well-rounded.

Don’t forget to explain why this is important to write about!